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by Barbara Lowell and Bob Metzger

Many collectors have discovered that a lot of valuable numismatic information can be gleaned from the periodicals produced by the various national, regional, local and specialty organizations. Complete, original sets of The Numismatist, TAMS Journal and Penny-Wise, just to name a few, are much in demand, and command a premium when available. The TNA News is now in its 33rd year of publication. Each of us has a hoard of back issues, assembled from various sources, and they will soon be consolidated into a single hoard unless, of course, they are dispersed. If you would like to acquire back issues of the TNA News, help with the dispersal, and allow us (and our spouses!) to reclaim areas of our homes presently occupied by the magazines, we can accomodate you. At least one copy of each of the following issues is available:

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1983	May
1986	May
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1990	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
t 1991	Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Dec
1992	Mar, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec
t 1993	Feb, Apr, Jun

In the "good old days," yearbooks or membership directories were also published by numismatic organizations and clubs. A very limited number of **TNA Membership Directories** from the following years is available:

1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1971

Chronicles of past conventions are also interesting historical artifacts. A few **TNA Convention Booklets** from the following years are in our possession:

1969, 1973 (in miniature), 1975 (in miniature),
1976 (in miniature), 1978 (in miniature), 1987, 1989, 1991

If you are curious about how the **TNA Constitution and Bylaws** have changed over the years, we also have a couple of copies each of the 1968 and 1975 versions of those documents available.

We think that's everything. We'll keep this list updated, and rerun it in the TNA News periodically, as we see fit. If you are really interested in these, you'll need to act quickly, since there are only 1 or 2 copies of many of the issues remaining, and fewer than 10 of almost all of them. We've been looking through them, and there's some **REALLY** wonderful stuff in them. Here's the deal (check it out, this is **CHEAP**):

\$1.50 each for 1-2 items

\$1.25 each for 3-11 items

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Postage and handling is included in the above prices (that's why they get cheaper if you get a bunch of them). Get a whole year for an even 12 bucks. You might want to list some alternate choices in case we run out of one you want. Orders should be sent to **TNA Secretary Barbara Lowell**, P.O. Box 115023-292, Carrollton, TX 75011. Please make checks payable to TNA. Happy reading!



1993 TNA Convention: Another Financial Success

TNA Bourse and Showcase Chairman Everett Hull reports that a total profit of \$9,559.44 was earned by the 35th Convention of the Texas Numismatic Association, held in Fort Worth May 7-9, 1993. The proceeds have been divided evenly between the Fort Worth Coin Company and the TNA, giving each a total of \$4,779.72.

The profits were not as high as last year, primarily because 14 fewer tables (-\$4,200.00) were sold this year than last. Expenses in some areas also were higher in 1993. \$1,500.00 was spent on booths, to give the show a more polished and professional appearance, and \$300.00 was spent on morning coffee, making these early hours more comfortable and convenient for the dealers. A larger than expected turnout at the Saturday and Sunday breakfasts cost an extra \$225.00.

Rental of TNA showcases grossed the organization \$1,135.00 last year. It is planned to aggressively market the rental of TNA cases again this year, since this is a significant moneymaker.

Finally, there are accounts receivable in the amount of \$445.00 for program advertising that will carry over as income for Texas '94. An itemized statement of Texas '93 is available from TNA on request.

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President's Message

Joe Olson

Endorsing TNA's royalty check of nearly \$4,800.00 was a pleasure. This amount represents our share of the proceeds from the recent TNA Convention in Fort Worth. Congratulations to Everett Hull, Mac Kennady and Chris Keogh for a memorable performance in '93. Also, a "Texas" **THANK YOU** to the above and to Lyman Bartee for rejuvenating TNA's financial health through this monumental undertaking.

Thanks to the Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio and to the First Wednesday Numismatic Study Group for your warm hospitality during our recent visits.

In order to be successful, every organization must have at least one giant. This person encourages others to stand on his or her shoulders, through good times and bad, in order to focus on the organization's natural objectives. **Mac Kennady** is a giant in TNA. Through thick and thin, he has always been there, generating confidence and enthusiasm in every TNA member, friend and prospect.

Yes, Mac is that warm, affable fellow frequently seen shaking hands, presenting an award, or visiting a friend. He is often unseen in his service on committees, signing up a new member, or writing a letter of counsel and commitment to a colleague.

Mac's accomplishments are too numerous for this column; however, he has served TNA as its president, first vice president, second vice president, treasurer, convention coordinator, and in numerous committee appointments. He has been the recipient of the Reagan Award for the outstanding member and the Tidwell Award for the outstanding numismatic authorship, and he has been a TNA member for thirty-three years.

In recent memory, his finest hour was his working tirelessly to mend hard feelings during TNA's financial crisis and near insolvency. Mac was able to stay focused on TNA's purpose and kept the dream alive. Mac, TNA is afforded a wonderful view thanks to your broad shoulders.



From the 1st Vice President...

Leo DeLand

Well, shucks! Here we are in the middle of the summer holidays (July 4 and Labor Day) - missed one and too early for the second - aw, heck! Hope you had a relaxed and enjoyable 4th and are building a head of steam to commemorate the Labor Day weekend - a last shot, so to speak, of the hot summer holidays, before we get into the school season again.

For those of you who are ANA members, did you vote in time to continue the democratic electoral process, and did you complete the questionnaire about designs, elimination and addition of coinage and/or paper money? Hope you made your voice heard.

SPOOF OF THE PERIOD!!! Have you seen Leo's '94 edition of The New Super Coin Grading Guide and Listing of United States Coinage? In it, the author states that gold will either go up, down or sideways. Also, after his worldwide trip, he has uncovered a new grading system called UG. Starts at UG71 and goes to UG80. (UG, incidentally, is Ultra Great.) As an example, I saw a UG75 described as above frosty and cloudy - it was "heavenly" and "ooooh." Such descriptive terms can certainly do much to further the hobby and should help to promote a literacy rate among our Junior collectors that will blow us "golden age" collectors clean out of the collecting arena. Prices, I might add, go along with the Ultra Greatness of the numismatic piece in question. If you want pieces that are out of this world, so are the prices! Try to buy an UG78 coin the next time you're overseas - it will not only show you how much the value of the dollar has dropped, but you will have the first-hand realization of just how expensive these little (or big, depending on what you're buying) rascals are.

To paraphrase the old Ivory soap commercials, 99 and $44/100\%$ of you have not made use of the TNA library. That is truly unfortunate, since Pat and Dick Dollen have maintained the library to the best of their ability. Too bad, because the books and other materials are collecting dust. There are more than 300 DIFFERENT titles, plus the publications, plus the auction catalogs, plus the slides! Various proposals will be made to the TNA board at our September meeting as to the possible disposition of the library. The outcome will likely be based on the same principle as many other things in life: Use it or lose it! Within the library, for you profit-motivated hobbyists, there's The Profit March of Your Coin Investment. For you error coin types, there's How Error Coins are Made in the U.S. Mint and How United States Coins are Made. There are books on gold, silver, copper, colonials, patterns, medals, obsolete paper and scrip; there's just about anything you want to warm your little pea-pickin' hearts.

By the time you read my next soapbox stand, there's just an excellent possibility that your board will already have decided what to

do with the library, and if you don't like the results, just look in the mirror and point the finger of blame at the person you see there. Dadgum it, talk to your District Governor or write any of us elected officer-types and let us know your feelings. The TNA is YOUR organization - if your voice is not heard because you didn't speak or squeak when you should have, then the "dictatorship" will have their way and you won't have any comeback. HAPPY SUMMER!!!



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A Few Words From the Editor

Bob Metzger

Back in May, in preparation for driving up to Grapevine for the early American Coppers convention, I bought a pair of tires for my car. Upon making the purchase, I took advantage of the tire company's offer to finance the purchase for 90 days with no interest charge, since I wasn't sure that I could swing a similar deal on copper purchases. As the saleskid looked over my 1967 Volvo and wrote down the 250,000+ miles on the odometer, I could tell he doubted that my car, much less my credit, was good for 90 days. I assured him that in 1987, the previous saleskid (why do they all seem so young?), who had sold me the pair of 50,000 mile tires he was currently replacing, had felt the same way, and we'd managed to wear them out. I wish these fellows would show my car a little respect; it may not be pretty, but it is older than they are.

So, I drove up to Grapevine with my 4 door-mounted air conditioners rolled all the way down, with tire money in my pocket and 90 days to figure out how to get some more, and had a great time. Alas, approximately 30 days later, the first little reminder of my arrangement with the tire people arrived in the mail. Ironically (no, fatefully, since it provided me with this story), among the numerous once-in-a-lifetime offers that were included in the billing was a coin deal! And what a deal! I was invited to "Own these precious heirlooms from the past! THE AMERICANA - United States Mint Silver Coin Collector's Series." A mind-boggling choice of three different sets was offered. The first, "The Presidents Collection," contained coins with portraits of FIVE entirely different presidents: Kennedy, Washington, Roosevelt, Jefferson and Lincoln. All in brilliant uncirculated condition, with the Kennedy half dollar guaranteed to be a 1964, the only year it was minted from .900 silver. WOW!! And how long has it been since the the government minted coins with those other four presidents' portraits on them? What are the chances of finding any of those in brilliant uncirculated condition? The second set, "The Vanishing Classics," included a Walking Liberty half dollar, Standing Liberty quarter, Mercury dime, Buffalo nickel and a "rare and unusual 1943 steel penny." Hmmm...I suppose it's the 1943 steel CENT that's the common one. Oops, they forgot to specify the conditions of this group of heirlooms. Oh, well. Last, but not least (actually, that would be a tough call), was the "Yesteryear Collection" containing "rapidly disappearing Liberty Head coins" designed by "the talented Charles E. Barber." As you might guess, set number three contained a Barber half, Barber quarter, Barber dime, Liberty Head nickel, and Indian Head penny [sic]. What? You didn't guess the Indian Head...uh, cent? Forgot that the "L" on the ribbon of the 1864 stood for Charles E. Barber? And you call yourself a numismatist? I'll bet you couldn't tell a cartwheel from a radial tire. The condition of

these rapidly disappearing coins...well, disappeared from the ad. There were mediocre pictures of each of the sets in the ad, and the first set (the 1964 Kennedy half and the 4 pieces of pocket change), in fact, did appear to be uncirculated. Suffice to say, the latter two sets didn't, but neither did they claim to be, so that's just fine. Caveat emptor.

The hype and inaccuracies in this ad were, needless to say, annoying. It would be nice, though, if people were introduced to our wonderful hobby through such an unexpected source. Unfortunately, the cost of these "heirlooms" is unlikely to make coin fans out of anyone (except the sellers). "Only \$29.95 per set, plus local taxes, if any, and \$3.98 shipping and handling." I was astounded. "Only \$69.85 for all 3 set [sic], plus local taxes, if any, and \$4.96 shipping and handling for each set." Now, wait a minute. You "save" \$20.00, but it costs 48 cents more per set to ship and handle them all together. This whole offer just seems to get stranger and stranger. Maybe I've missed something here, but these deals sound more like heirlooms for airheads to me. My tires should retain their value better than these coins at these prices.

While this issue of the TNA News is at the printer, I'll be at the ANA convention in Baltimore. Listening to and talking with some of the most learned people in the hobby. Looking at exhibits. Judging exhibits. Picking the brains of other copper specialists, experts on tokens and numismatic bibliophiles, among others. Being welcomed into the ranks of the Numismatic Literary Guild (with my sincere thanks to Colonel Bill Murray, Ray Whyborn, and anyone else who was kind enough to nominate me). Attending the first ever ANA numismatic literature auction. I just hope my brain doesn't fill up before the end of the convention.

Would it be too ironic if I bought some average circulated Barber and obsolete 20th century silver coins while I'm there, repackage and resell them to non-collectors at huge markups to pay off those tires? Perhaps, but I think the ethical thing to do would be to buy a copy of the mailing list from that tire company and offer everybody on it a deal on Redbooks.



Fractional Currency - What and Why?

by Bernard Loebe

At the first sight of one of the little oblongs known as Fractional Currency, two questions arise: What is it? and Why is it?



The first question is easy to answer. It's genuine paper money, issued by the United States government during the period of 1862-1876. Denominations of fractional notes included 3, 5, 10, 15, 25 and 50 cents. The harder question to answer is the second. There are many possible reasons, some backed by logic or visible proof, some by rumors, spread and added to, and readily received and believed due to an inherent distrust of non-metallic money.

Certainly, greed and fear caused an initial rush to hoard gold, silver and copper coins in the early 1860's. Have we not seen in our lifetime the same type of hoarding? But, contrary to popular belief, there was no serious and widespread shortage of metallic money until the beginning of the Civil War. According to the newspapers of that era, such shortages did not occur until 1862. There was an ingrained distrust of non-metallic money, caused by the nation's earlier experience with State Bank Notes. These "greenbacks", as they were nicknamed, were not readily accepted at face value. Gold and silver coins commanded a premium of 3-15%, eventually peaking at a fantastic 32% by the end of 1862. The distrust of the greenback continued such that in 1864, it required \$285 in paper to purchase \$100 in gold.

Because gold commanded such a premium, gold coins were swiftly removed from commerce, effectively removing the United States from the gold standard. Speculators and bankers found ready markets in bullion trade with Canada, the West Indies and Latin America. The same gold and silver sold to these markets then was returned to the U.S. to buy quantities of greenbacks at low, low prices. A safer round robin to riches can hardly be imagined. Illogically, the Philadelphia Mint continued to produce silver coins, which were bought up directly from the mint by bullion dealers. In 1863 the entire production of silver coins was exported by these dealers.

Now a real shortage of small denomination coins was created, and banks and merchants adopted other means and materials as substitutes. Some State Bank Notes were cut into fractional parts. Other banks issued their own notes, sometimes in such unusual denominations as \$1.25 and \$1.50. Many merchants made change with their own small-denomination promissory notes, disrespectfully called "shinplasters" by the citizens, since they were redeemable only at the issuing merchant, thus making redemption likely only by regular, local customers.

The common postage stamp was put into use as a more widely redeemable form of small change, but as a medium of exchange it was very fragile and not highly acceptable. It did, however, lead directly to the issuing of the highly successful Fractional Currency notes.

On the recommendation of United States Treasurer Spinner, Congress passed the Act of July 17, 1862 providing for the issuance of so-called "Postage Currency," bearing the likenesses of the then current 5¢ and 10¢ postage stamps. This was the first of five issues of what would come to be collectively known as Fractional Currency; the subsequent issues were authorized by the Act of March 3, 1863, and no longer carried the postage stamp design. A total of \$369 million in Fractional Currency was printed and released between August 21, 1862 and February 15, 1876.

The first issue, or Postage Currency, began on August 21, 1862, and included 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ notes. Postage stamps featuring the likenesses of Washington and Jefferson were depicted on the faces of the notes. Since there was not yet a governmental bureau to handle such matters, private banknote companies did the printing under contract. The National Banknote Company printed the face and the American Banknote Company printed the back. The ABN monogram appears on the back of some first issue notes.

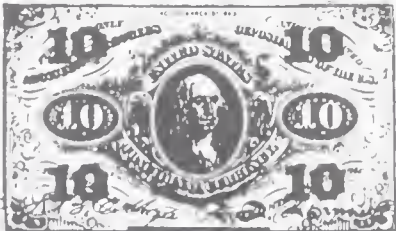


The second issue began on October 10, 1863, with the designation officially changed from Postage Currency to Fractional Currency. This second issue was made necessary by the ease with which the first issue notes were counterfeited. The denominations were the same as for the first issue; however, all carry a bust of Washington in a bronze oval frame on the face, with the reverses differentiated by a different color. To reduce the high cost of having private firms do the printing, an

Act of July, 1863 instructed the Treasury to do its own printing. Some of the second issue notes were printed on paper seized from a blockade runner. The paper, made in England for the Confederacy and intended for printing Confederate notes, carried the watermark "CSA."



The third issue was authorized by an Act of June 1864, due to an increased demand and the continuing counterfeiting of the earlier issues. Denominations were 3, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents. Interestingly, due to an oversight, the word "cents" appears nowhere on the 10¢ note, resulting in reported incidents of the note sometimes passing for \$10.00. The 5¢ note from this series illustrates how seemingly small events can cause lasting effects. Instructed by Congress to honor (Meriwether) Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Director of the Currency Bureau, Spencer Clark, instead had his own likeness put on the 5¢ note! This so angered members of Congress that a law was enacted in 1866 prohibiting the placing of the likeness of any living person upon any "bond, security, or notes of government issue." It was too late to stop the 5¢ note of (Spencer) Clark, but the same Congress subsequently authorized the five cent nickel coin, and prohibited the issuance of any note with a denomination less than ten cents.



The fourth issue notes, starting July 14, 1869, were of better quality of design and printing than any of the previous series. The 3¢ and 5¢ notes were eliminated, but for the first time, a 15¢ note was introduced for circulation. The newly formed Bureau of Engraving and Printing was experimenting with new types of dry printing, and nearly succeeded in destroying every hydraulic press the government owned, so the Treasury once again was forced to farm out the printing to ABNCo and NBNCo. Like the third issue, each denomination carried a different design. With this fourth issue, the Treasury Seal appeared for the first time on the Fractional Currency.



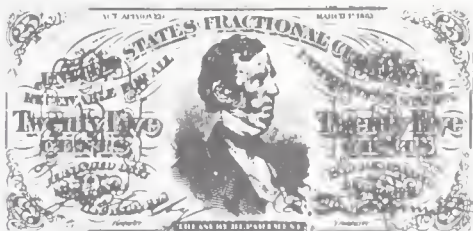
The fifth issue, from February 26, 1874 through February 15, 1876, was short and simple. Only three notes, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢, were issued, each with a different design. This was the last issue of the Fractional Currency, which was deserted by the citizens as coinage once again became available.



In 1876, a flood of silver from the famous Comstock Lode drove silver bullion prices down, reducing the intrinsic value of silver coins to below face value. This silver price drop triggered a flow of silver back into the country from external hoards.

Before concluding this story, mention must be made of the Fractional Currency Shield. It was one of the means by which the Treasury tried to educate banks and commercial establishments about counterfeit notes. Each shield contained a type set of 39 notes from the first three issues, mounted on heavy cardboard in the shape of a shield, to be used as a reference for checking suspect notes. The banks or merchants paid face value (\$4.66) plus a shipping charge that brought the cost to about \$7.50. Some of the notes on the shield were of rare types that seldom circulated. Careless storage of these shields by Treasury employees caused most of the shields to suffer damage, such as being torn, bent or waterstained. Of the estimated 4500 shields produced, only about 150 collectable specimens remain, and command hefty prices.

The Congressional Acts of January 14, 1875 and April 17, 1876 provided for the redemption of Fractional Currency in silver coins, and all but about \$1.8 million has been returned to the Treasury for redemption. The outstanding notes in the hands of collectors, dealers and museums remain legal tender even today, and thus can be used to purchase their face value in goods and services, if one so desires.



The notes used to illustrate this article are from the personal collection of TNA News editor Bob Metzger, who is also a member of the Fractional Currency Collectors Board. The FCCB is an organization of people interested in the study and collection of Fractional Currency. Dues are \$15 for the first year, which gets new members an updated version of Milton Friedberg's Index to Postage and Fractional Currency. Requests for more information may be sent to Benny Bolin, FCCB Membership Chairman, Route One, Box 331B, Allen, TX 75002. Mr. Bolin is also a TNA member, and has won numerous awards for his Fractional Currency exhibits at TNA conventions.

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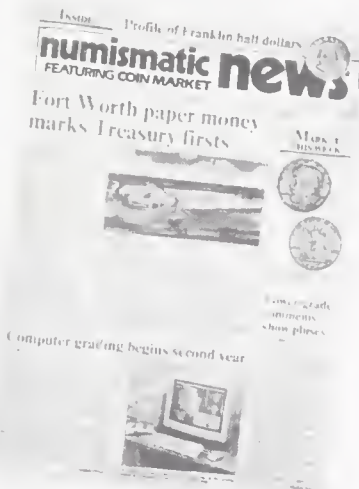


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Barbara Lowell

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- R-5806 {D-05} James L. Lipe, 1504 Ambleside Ln, Richardson, TX 75082. U.S. Coins. Mark Shroeder.
- R-5807 {D-01} Maurice Bond, 5 Meadowbrook Ln, Roanoke, TX 76262. Early U.S. Copper. Mark Shroeder.
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- R-5830 {D-KY} Dwight Morrow, 441 South Ashland, Lexington, KY 40502. DBA Jonathan K. Kern Company. Jonathan K. Kern.
- R-5831 {D-07} Wayne Gordon, 137 Sequoia Dr, San Antonio, TX 78232-2267. General U.S., Belgium, France, Netherlands, Japan. Miriam Gilmore.

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TNA Personality Profile: Louis Berkie

by Raymond E. Whyborn, NLG

Long-time TNA member, widely acclaimed magician and numismatist Louis Berkie of San Antonio was profiled in People magazine late last year. The September 14, 1992 issue of the popular national magazine carried a full page photo and short article on Berkie's accomplishments in the fascinating world of wooden money. Those familiar with the 80 year-old celebrity know that he is the owner and operator of the Elbee Company - "Fun and Magic" - which produces, or "mints" over four million wooden nickels each year. He has been making the cured maple wood tokens for over 40 years, for everyone from coin clubs to politicians, and even weddings and chili cook-offs. What started out to be a hobby with \$1 50 worth of wooden nickels in 1950 slowly turned into a full time business and Berkie's main livelihood. The Elbee Company is one of only six "mints" in the U.S. that manufacture wooden nickels, but it is the only one that is a full time, income-producing business.

If you find yourself in San Antonio, drop by the Elbee Company, in its new quarters at 520 Broadway in the downtown area, and say hello to Louis. His place of business resembles a museum, with all of the circa 1950 artifacts and novelty items that he has assembled from the numerous stores that have closed or gone out of business over the years. Louis is a great magician, and stocks a large selection of magic paraphernalia that he demonstrates and sells. He loves to visit and will gladly show you his skills at magic and prestidigitation.

This is the first in proposed series of TNA member personality profiles by Numismatic Literary Guild member and TNA District 13 Governor Rey Whyborn. If you have any suggestions for Rey regarding candidates for his profiles series, drop him a note at 411 W. Reimen, Seymour, TX 76380-2439



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- Aug 7-8** **Fort Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
 22nd Annual Summer Coin & Stamp Show
 Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway
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- Sep 18-19** **Austin, TX** **35 Tables**
 Austin Texas Coin Club 34th Annual Money Mart
 Quality Inn South, 2200 South IH 35, (512) 444-0561
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- Oct 2-3** **Beaumont, TX** **33 Tables**
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Jointly sponsored by Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur & Silsbee Clubs
 Holiday Inn (Houston Room), Beaumont Plaza, 3950 I-10 South
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- Oct 2-3** **Richardson, TX** **65 Tables**
 4th Annual North Dallas Coin & Stamp Show
 Richardson Civic Center, 411 West Arapaho Rd
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- Oct 15-17** **Houston, TX** **63 Tables**
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 500 W. Sam Houston Parkway
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In October of this year, the noted numismatist, Dr. Michael Grant, will be in San Antonio to give two public lectures. On October 8, 1993, he will speak at Trinity University on behalf of the Southwest Texas Archaeological Society. On October 10, 1993, he will lecture at the San Antonio Museum of Art to inaugurate the public exhibit of the Ancient Coin Collection, which includes both Greek and Roman Imperial coins.

Specific details regarding times and rooms were unavailable at publication time. For additional information, contact Dr. Colin Wells at Trinity University in San Antonio, Dr. Gerry Scott at the San Antonio Museum of Art, Dr. Alan Craven at the University of Texas in San Antonio, or the Southwest Texas Archaeological Society

Treasurer's Report

Mike Grant

REPORT FOR 5/4/93 - 7/5/93

Beginning balance from May 4, 1993	\$	27,550.26
less encumbered funds		(11,907.16)

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$	2,049.00
Donations		50.00
Journal Ads		25.00
Medal Sales		1,832.00
Annual Show		4,779.72
Interest		48.85
TOTAL	\$	8,784.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Secretary Allowance	\$	450.00
Secretary Expenses		353.97
Editor Allowance		150.00
Editor Expenses		50.43
President Expenses		69.82
Treasurer Expenses		63.92
Medals Officer Expenses		120.65
<u>TNA News</u> Printing Costs		998.56
Medal Costs		1,636.29
Awards Costs		293.29
TOTAL	\$	4,186.93

AVAILABLE BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	15,387.07
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ENCUMBERED FUNDS

ANA Junior Seminar Fund	\$	1,068.25
TNA Memorial Library Fund		692.58
Life Membership C.D. Account		10,146.33
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District Meetings

DISTRICT IV

The May 11 meeting of the **Austin Texas Coin Club** was saddened by the announcement that long-time, faithful member Bob Greenwood had passed away April 25. Moton Crockett III gave a most informative program on the new monetary system of Mexico. A report was given on the 1993 TNA convention. Attendance was very light, with only 10 members present.

--Lyman Bartee, TNA District IV Governor

The June 3 **Williamson County Coin Club** meeting was attended by seven members and two guests. Due to the absence of the club president, Chuck Elkins presided. The meeting was rather informal, with little business to discuss. It was mainly about the club's library display and its endeavors at the May Fair. Owen Smith, a doctoral candidate at U.T., gave the night's program. The subject was the coins of the Sasanian Dynasty, which ruled the Scythian Empire from the early 3rd to the mid-7th centuries. Artashir I, the first ruler of the Scythian Empire, was responsible for the initial minting of its coins. They were struck in gold, silver and bronze, the silver coins being the most commonly used. Mr. Smith had some examples of the Empire's coins, which he displayed.

The WCCC's meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at Christ Lutheran Church in Georgetown. For more information, call (512) 869-0879.

--Erin Davis, club Secretary

DISTRICT V

President Frank Clark called the April 15 meeting of the **Dallas Coin Club** to order with 29 members and guests present. Ellen Cabluck was voted in as the newest club member. Vice President Joe Barthold announced that club programs are set and scheduled, and that he has some ANA slide programs available if any of the speakers would like to use one. The club voted to have Frank cast the club's ballot in the TNA election, and Frank suggested that Mike Grant submit his name for write-in candidacy as TNA Treasurer. Mike and John Creviston reminded everyone that they will be teaching a continuing education class, Beginning Coin Collecting, in the evenings at S.M.U. starting in September. Ron Blaha, a specialist in Colonial copper coinage, gave a

program on New Jersey coppers. He told how the coinage was approved in June 1786, and how three Englishmen were authorized to make 3 million coppers over a two-year period. The coins weighed 150 grams, matching the British halfpenny, and were produced at many different mints, including ten outside of New Jersey. Ron talked about different varieties, and the price ranges of New Jersey coppers. After the program, 25 items sold in the monthly auction, netting the club \$10.89.

Twenty-three members and four guests attended the May 20 meeting. TNA Secretary Barbara Lowell and Samuel Poag were voted in as new club members. Frank Clark announced that this month marked the 65th year anniversary of the club. The heavy participation of club members in the May 7-9 TNA convention, particularly in exhibiting activities, was noted: Hal Cherry, Frank Clark, Ben Hong, John Rowe and Paul Garner all won awards for their exhibits; Barbara Lowell, Paul Garner and Scott Carlton served as exhibit judges; and Mike Grant served as exhibit chairman. It was announced that the Garland Coin Club decided not to do a joint show with the club, but no new information on the DCC show was available at the meeting. The evening's program was by Mike Grant, on his collection of Hawaiian coins. He related that the 1847 copper cents and 1883 silver issues were coined in the U.S., and that in 1846, King Kamehameha III passed a legal code tying the official monetary system of the islands to that of the U.S. He told that the firm of H.M. & E.I. Richards of Attleboro, Massachusetts, minted the only order for 100,000 of the copper coins, but that when they arrived in Hawaii, they were a big disappointment. The king's portrait was poorly stamped, Hapa Hanele was misspelled, and bilge water had ruined many of them; stories say the natives threw most of them into the ocean. The more successful silver coins of 1883 were made the same sizes and weights as the U.S. dollar, half dollar, quarter and dime. In 1900, Hawaii became a U.S. Territory, and by 1937 most of the silver coins had been melted down. After Mike's program, 19 auction items were sold, netting the club \$3.62.

--club newsletter (Michael P. Grant, editor)

Michael Wartberg, Sr. called the May 11 meeting of the **Garland Coin Club** to order with 10 members and 2 guests in attendance. Brule Carleson was voted in as club member #532. Tim Lee reported a profit of \$155.44 on the club's one-day March show. Plans for another one-day show in October or early November were announced. It was decided not to participate in a joint show with the Dallas Coin Club. Membership voted to be a patron for the ANA convention, to be held in Baltimore from July 28 through August 1; the club will be listed in the convention program. Interest in a club bowling party was expressed by some, but final plans were put on hold, pending commitments from at least ten members. A very interesting program on sunken treasure off the Florida coast was given by Harry Chand. Harry handed out copies of

1950's vintage treasure map and told stories of some famous sunken treasure ships, focusing on the Nuestra Senora de Atocha. He recounted historical background of the fateful voyage, moving on to the discovery and the salvaging of the wreck, drawing heavily on information he garnered from a visit to the Mel Fisher museum in Florida. Harry described in fascinating detail how the wreck was located and how the coins were salvaged, cleaned and restored, as well as how they have been graded. After Harry's wonderful program, 23 sold auction lots earned the club a commission of \$3.60.

On June 8, thirteen members and a guest were present. New member Dennis Carey was voted in to the club. The date for the one-day fall show was announced by Tim Lee to be October 30. A report by the GCC secretary/treasurer set the club's net worth at \$2963.40. Plans for the bowling party were suspended, due to lack of interest. The program, by Tim Lee, was a Red Book coin quiz. Two members, Gerald Jones and Ron Blaha, had eight of ten answers correct, so there was a tie-breaker question. Ron won the prize (a silver dollar) when he was able to correctly GUESS when Maine became a state. The tie-breaker question was simply, "When was the Maine Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar issued?" The monthly club auction netted the club \$4.55, on 21 sold lots, including a couple of CSA stamps, an uncut sheet of four notes from the BEP, a nice silver 3-cent piece, and a 1986 mint set. Proceeds from the sale of a 1944 D/D repunched mintmark cent, doanted by Michael Wartberg, Sr., will be set aside for the benefit of junior members. The cent sold for \$5.00.

--club newsletter (Ron Blaha, editor)

DISTRICT VI

The school-year-ending May issues of the C-Cubed, the newsletter of Sugar Land's **Clements Coin Club**, covered a variety of topics. Members Min Li Hu, Kourtney Nero and Linda Johnson expressed their excitement about going to the TNA convention in Forth Worth, while new members Laiza Spell and Naureen Sultanali expressed their excitement over just being part of such a great club. Graduating seniors Ian Kjos and Hina Roopani bade their goodbyes after years of club membership. Christine Siu reported on her trip to the TNA show, and on club members who won awards for their exhibits there: Tom Berenguel, Tam Ho, Ralph Ross, Jeremy Ross, Jason Ross and Keith Marrero. She also reported that Min Li Hu received the TNA Junior VIP and Top Recruiter awards, including a \$50 savings bond from Paul Garner and that Tom Berenguel was given \$25 worth of coins by Bruce Woodward of McQueeney Coins for taking first place in the Junior exhibit category. Congratulations were extended to Min Li Hu, Linda Johnson and Amy Ng for winning week-long scholarships to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Other members were commended for the exhibits they prepared for the library. They included Red Benzon, Maria Fischer,

Frankie Guzman, Min Li Hu, Thomas J. John, Janell Johnson, Linda Johnson, Robert Lin, Christine Siu and Willis Tsui. The final issue of the 1992-1993 C-Cubed contained lovely color photos of many of the aforementioned members and others, along with a recap of National Coin Week activities, ANA and TNA membership applications, and a list of Clements Coin Club award recipients. Top Recruiter was Tom Berenguel, Top Fundraiser was Meredith (Red) Benzon, Hardest Worker was Christine Siu, Highest Grade Point Average was achieved by Maria Rivera (96.83 out of a possible 100!) and Tom Berenguel was honored for completing 5 World Coin projects. Amy Ng was cited for completing 4, and finishing in second place. Linda Johnson won the Special Recognition award for her involvement in myriad club activities. Last but not least, 136 members were presented certificates of participation for their continuous efforts and voluntary support to the club. Congratulations, Class of '93! Congratulations, all!

--club newsletter, **The C-Cubed** (Rabia Syed, editor)

DISTRICT VII

The April 8 meeting of the **Alamo Coin Club**, held at the Maverick Cafe, had sixteen attendees. Recently issued Bill of Rights proof half dollars highlighted the Show and Tell session, and 24 of the evening's 30 auction lots sold.

Eleven people came to the April 22 meeting, where the Show and Tell included a 25¢ Fractional Currency note, a badly worn 5¢ postage stamp, a Mexican 10 peso Caballita and a Bill of Rights commemorative half dollar. An auction was also conducted.

Trading among members was very active and both April meetings. Along with the April meeting reports, a very informative article on keeping an inventory of one's collection, written by Harold Eiserloh, appeared in the May newsletter. Harold included samples of inventory recording sheets, suggested what information to include, and described different styles and techniques of doing so.

The May 13 meeting was conducted by club Vice President Robert Lacewell, with ten folks in attendance. Show and Tell featured a 1900 Lafayette commemorative dollar, and 14 of 24 auction lots were sold.

Twelve people turned out for the May 27 gathering, and participated in a Show and Tell that included a 1993 TNA medal set, a 1000 mil token of Col. Jack Curtis with portrait, a 3 oz. silver "Merry Christmas" token, an Alamo Heights 50th anniversary token, 2 WWII OPA ration tokens, 1 and 2 oz. Australian Kookaburras, a set of the 12 Canadian 25¢ 1992 Province commemoratives, a BU 1895 Japanese yen, 5 various Canadian silver dollars, a Canadian 5 dollar, and a silver Maria Theresa thaler. The club treasurer reported a balance of \$1379.40. The meeting concluded with an auction, in which a remarkable 51 of 69 lots were sold. It was duly noted that the May meeting reports were prepared by club Secretary Robert Jenkins, filling in for the vacationing

Harold Eiserloh.

The June 10 meeting was attended by 14 people, and was led once again by Robert Lacewell. Walter Clavette took advantage of the Show and Tell session to share a German Spielmark (playmoney), an 1858 Flying Eagle cent, and a Chinese Sheng-Tsu, 1662-1722. Three new members were welcomed into the club. Fifteen of thirty-seven lots sold in the auction, which was conducted by Walter.

At the meeting of June 24, there were 12 folks present. The club voted on officers for the ANA after discussion by members who had met some of the candidates. Harold brought an Italian 1000 Lire note and a set of Vatican coins to the Show and Tell, and also discussed and distributed copies of his "manual" coin inventory system. A club officer nominating committee, headed by Walter, was formed. The auction, again conducted by Walter, sold 29 of 48 lots.

A short article on early U.S. cents, accompanied by a number of nice illustrations, appeared in the July club newsletter. It was also noted that the newsletter received the TNA's Outstanding Chapter Publication Award for 1992 at the recent TNA convention.

--club newsletter, **The Alamo News** (Harold Eiserloh, editor)

A brisk auction, conducted by Jim Dracopolous, was one of the highlights of the May 6 meeting of San Antonio's **Gateway Coin Club**. The meeting was well-attended, with 25 members and visitor Deneene Gilles present. Returning members Doc and Joan Grover were welcomed by members. Long time members S.O. and Julie Smith also were in attendance, and their warmth and friendliness added much to the meeting. The main topic of business was the club's upcoming coin show, and members were reminded that everyone's help is needed for a successful show. Some of the members participating in the evening's stimulating roundtable discussion were Bob Rogers, Jim Dracopoulos and Cliff Valley. The auction closed the meeting.

Sixteen members and a visitor, Barbara Weaver, were at Shoney's for the May 20 meeting. Club member and long-time TNA News editor Miriam Gilmore announced that she had been asked by new TNA President Joe Olson to chair the TNA Hall of Fame committee. Her acceptance of this position will be a great asset to this committee. Miriam has dedicated many years to TNA in many capacities. The meeting closed with a numismatic program by Robert Lacewell. His topic, "Ghettos and Concentration Camps in World War II," was most interesting and educational. To illustrate his program, he showed several numismatic tokens that were issued to prisoners in the German concentration camps. Robert also brought two books about the WWII camps and their tokens. Thanks for a fine program, Robert!

The June 3 meeting opened with 21 members and 2 visitors present. Visitors were Nancy Waledon and newly elected TNA president Joe Olson. Vice President Frank Galindo conducted the meeting, due to the

absence of president Robert Lacewell, who was at home nursing a back injury. Joe Olson addressed the membership. He spoke about several projects he is developing and he also asked Miriam Gilmore and Frank Galindo if they would serve TNA and work to increase TNA membership. Miriam will serve on several committees and Frank agreed to design next year's TNA convention medal. Joe also discussed the possibility of a coin show sponsored by the TNA and the Mexican Numismatic Society. Members participating in the evening's roundtable discussion were Cliff Valley, Wayne Gordon, Py Coryell and Karla and Frank Galindo. Gwen and Py presented Frank with a coin bank, much to Frank's delight. All the members got a "big bang" out of the "Exploding Outhouse." A special thanks to the following members, who donated items to be raffled, with the proceeds going to the club treasury: Rufer's Coins donated two Adolph Hitler stamps; Tom Cates donated several issues of The Numismatist; and Walter Clavette donated some ring folders. The meeting closed with a numismatic auction conducted by Walter.

Sixteen members were present for the June 17 educational program night. The membership welcomed visitors Pam Yates, Vivian Lutz, Elida Gonzales and Rick Scott. Before the meeting concluded, Rick became the newest club member. During the business meeting, members voted to hold auctions at both of the monthly club meetings, beginning in July. The first monthly meeting will have the usual ten-lots-per-member limit, and the second will have a five-lot limit, to allow time for an educational program. After the business was completed, Raymond Angstadt gave a program on "The History Behind U.S. Commemorative Coins." It was most interesting and informative. Thank you, Raymond, for a unique program. After the program, some members stayed to buy, sell and swap coins, while others stayed to swap stories.

--club newsletter, The Gatepost (Frank Galindo, editor)

DISTRICT VIII

The recently elected officers of the **Corpus Christi Coin Club** were installed at a dinner meeting at the Golden King restaurant. They are: President, Rick Roberson, First Vice President, John Smolik; Treasurer, Bob Evans; and Secretary, Don Bryan. The position of Second V.P. is open. At another recent meeting, TNA District VIII Governor David Burke gave a report on the TNA convention. Some Kingsville members reported that feelers have been put out to replace the now defunct September Beeville show with a one-day Sunday show in Kingsville. There was some discussion regarding the idea of striking a silver medal to commemorate Las Carabelas, the replicas of the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria which are permanently docked in Corpus Christi. A very nice article on the Caballito Peso, issued to celebrate the centennial of Mexico's revolt from Spain, appeared in the June 15 club newsletter. The informative piece was written by Don Bryan.

The club reports a current paid membership of 30, including life

members. Meetings are held from 7:00-8:30 P.M. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Central Library's La Retama Room.

--club newsletter

DISTRICT IX

The June meeting of the **Lamb County Coin Club** was conducted by Vice President Lamonte Pitzer in the absence of club President David Keithley. Everyone was reminded that annual dues of \$5.00 are due in July. A motion was made by Larry Sanderson to have an auction of donated numismatic material, with proceeds going to the club. This will be done at the September meeting, and the proceeds will help fund doorprizes and refreshments for club meetings.

--Lamonte Pitzer, **TNA District IX Governor**

Forty members and guests were present for the **South Plains Coin Club** picnic. Hot dogs, cold drinks and dessert were served, and a good time was had by all. Members were very pleased that Ray Whyborn, the immediate past president of TNA, was in attendance and that the club signed up two new members. A report on the TNA convention was given by club representative Ben Melot, and TNA awards won by the club and club members were on display. Plans were begun for the club's annual show, to be held March 19-20, 1994. The club authorized Ed Chauncy to purchase the gold coins to be given for door prizes at the show. Mike Carpenter gave a program on the enjoyment of coin collecting. Mike emphasized the importance of the learning the background and the history of the coins, rather than simply focusing on their monetary value. An auction by Jacobs and Ling concluded the activities.

--Lamonte Pitzer, **TNA District IX Governor**

DISTRICT XI

The May 3 meeting of the **Golden Spread Coin Club** featured a number of interesting Show and Tell items, including: R.L. Tompkins' 1992 silver proof set and set of Farm Agriculture Organization coins; Homer Dotts' World War II ration tokens and savings stamp booklet which, when filled, would buy a bond; Nela Runkle's Disneyland \$1 and \$5 bills; R.J. Hansen's set of 1993 TNA medals and photos of past educational exhibits he had done; Jerry Davidson's 1913 Mexican cinco centavo; Linda and Jessie Caylor's Valentine and Easter silver bars; and C.C. Stewart's steel cent. Also shown were some wooden nickels that will be given away at the club's show. The program was given by Homer, who talked about "Coins I don't have but would like to have...maybe," such as the 1804 dollar, 1964 Franklin half, 1913-D dime and 1964 Peace dollar. It was decided at the meeting to have a club picnic in September in Sam Houston Park, with the exact date to be determined. Kudos went to C.C. Stewart, who placed his coinage magazines in the Canyon Library for National Coin Week.

Other items covered in the May newsletter included a report on the Scott Blazek forum and a member profile of Franky Hill. Turnout for Mr. Blazek's forum and the coin clinic that followed was light, but the program was reported to have been very good. The profile told how Mr. Hill got started collecting Indian cents and Buffalo nickels in 1958 when he owned a pool hall, and that he started attending shows as a part-time dealer four years later. About two years ago, he bought out Gordon's Coins and renamed it Amarillo Coin Exchange. He has a daughter and three sons, one of whom, Alan, helps out at the shop. Born in Borger, Frankie still lives there, commuting between there and Amarillo. His collecting specialty is counterfeit gold coins.

The program for the June 7 meeting was a TNA report, given by Nela and Jerry. For Show and Tell, Homer showed his set of TNA coins, C.C. brought a 1814 half penny, Jim Hall had an 1893 gold piece, Lois Stewart talked about her 1923 German 50,000 mark notes, and Nela showed the 1993 TNA bronze medals, subsequently giving one to each junior member present. All members were reminded that their help would be needed for the club's annual show on July 10-11, for setup, food preparation, ticket selling, cleanup, and everything in between.

--club newsletter (Nela Runkle, editor)

DISTRICT XII

June 27 and 28 closed another successful coin and sports card show in Tyler. This show had 32 tables and was held in conjunction with a huge gun and knife show that had in excess of 250 tables. This combination show really draws the public, and is attended by several thousand people each time it is held. Twelve tables were sold for the upcoming October 23-24 show before the June show was over.

The **Tyler Coin Club** continues to meet the second Thursday night of each month. The meetings have been regularly attended by some 15 to 20 loyal club members. There is usually a short business meeting and an active auction. Meetings begin at 7:00, and last until about 8.30. Call District XII Governor Tom Bennington at (903) 597-3138 for additional details.

Tom also asks that all District XII clubs send club meeting minutes or individual news items to him or directly to the TNA News editor, for inclusion in future issues of this newsletter.

--Tom Bennington, TNA District XII Governor

DISTRICT XV

Thirteen members and one visitor, Ronnie LeBlanc, attended the May 6 meeting of the **Port Arthur Coin Club**. Bill McNeill was welcomed back. John Barnes asked everyone to encourage the local PBS affiliate, KVLU, to carry the ANA's "Money Talks" radio show. John also gave a presentation on John L. Pike, explorer of Pike's Peak. Judy Matherne gave a report on the Early American Coppers convention, which was held this

year in Grapevine, near DFW airport. The recent increases in gold and silver prices were discussed. Jerry Williams reminded everyone that the next jointly-sponsored area club show will be held October 2-3 at the Holiday Inn in Beaumont.

The June 3 meeting had an attendance of fifteen people, three of whom were guests. The guests were Roxanne and Libby Seholm, and Dr. Russell Long, who gave the evening's presentation. Dr. Long is a retired Lamar University Professor of biology, with a life-long penchant for searching for and finding artifacts, especially fossils of the Pleistocene era and points and tools relating to the "Clovis People." His program was terrific. During the business meeting, it was announced that Mr. Rodriguez has once again donated a quantity of foreign coins to be distributed to junior members. Jerry and John reported that more than half the 33 tables for the fall show have been sold. Last, but not least, Jerry noted that the TNA is considering discontinuing its lending library, due to lack of interest. After lengthy discussion, members suggested that the TNA consider the following before taking such drastic action: 1) Are TNA members aware of the library? 2) If not, make them aware (it was noted that PACC members, in general, were NOT aware); 3) Promote the use of the library by publishing a list of the available material in the TNA News, along with information regarding lending policies, etc.

--club newsletter, **Dollars and Cents** (Ken Seholm, editor)

The **Silsbee Coin Club** held its monthly meeting on April 27, with Jerry Williams presiding. Eleven members and visitor Bill Moore were present. Jerry led the pledge to the flag, Jack Provost gave the Treasurer's report, and Jerry presented Jack the club's check from the joint spring coin show, for the amount of \$243.54. Art Larkin gave a report on plans for the fall show, saying that it looks like a sellout. Judy Matherne gave a report on the Early American Coppers convention, describing it as being like falling into a bowl of chocolate. Everyone was reminded that the club auction will be held in July. John Barnes gave the program, on Pike of Pike's Peak. The meeting closed with a short auction, called by Jerry.

The May 24 meeting was presided over by Zeke Provost. Art Larkin led the eleven members present in the pledge. After the Treasurer's report, Jerry gave a report on the TNA convention and election of officers, including Jerry himself, who was reelected to the District XV governorship. The club voted to renew its TNA membership for 1993. George Thornhill asked to be replaced as librarian, and Ed White volunteered to take the position. A list of educational programs to be conducted at the upcoming ANA convention in Baltimore was discussed, and club members were encouraged to make an effort to attend, if at all possible. Jack Provost had the program for the evening. It was an excellent one, on selected U.S. Commemorative coins, and Jack had

some very good material to show, as well. Jerry once again conducted a short auction to close the meeting.

--club newsletter (**Barbara Edwards**, editor)

DISTRICT XVII

Twenty members were present for the **Waco Coin Club's** second quarterly swap night, which was held on May 13. A brief business meeting and auction preceded the trading session. Welcomed as new members were David Ingram and John Nussman. Club President Glenn Hardin gave an account of the recent TNA convention, reporting that the WCC can now boast that one of its members, Joe Olson, is the newly elected president of the association. The show committee announced that, after careful study, a decision was reached to not reschedule the 1993 WCC club show. Among the items that changed hands during the trading session was an early, unusual, round Lincoln cent album for the years 1909-1929, issued by a bank in the Midwest. A Lincoln cent was pictured on the cover. It was announced that club member Darrell Jackson and his wife, Melissa, are the proud parents of a new baby, Melissa Jewel, born April 18.

Twenty-three people were present at the June 10 meeting, including two visitors, Mrs. Mal (Gloria) Lucas and her granddaughter Jessica Marshal. New members Sarah and Josh Trainor were welcomed to the club. They joined Jeremy and Joseph Ferguson, Brian Harlan, Kelly Hall, Nicole Woolford and Janessa Tankersley on the WCC's growing roster of junior members. A Show and Tell program followed the business meeting, with Fred Gowdy passing around his collection of hobo nickels and John Jones showing a 2 Sols coin of the First French Republic dated 1793, the same year that Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were executed. A spirited auction concluded the meeting.

A short article on Continental Currency appeared in the latest club newsletter. Also noted was that the club now has fifty-four members, many from outside of Waco. Members hail from such diverse locales as Hewitt, Meridian, Mexia, Fort Worth, Copperas Cove, Mart, Austin, Arlington, Dallas and Houston. The club meets at the T.U. Electric Center at 3600 Franklin in Waco, at 7:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month. Come, and bring a friend.

--J.P. Jones, club Secretary

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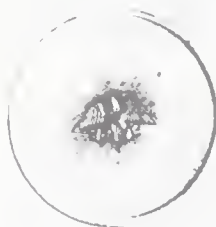
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